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CHAPTER 462

TWO THINGS ONLY

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WHEN I WENT DOWN TO THE 1ST FLOOR WHEN THE CALAMITY OCCURRED.

PROBABLY FLOATED INTO MY POCKET

THIS PIECE OF GLASS FROM A REGULATOR'S DISPLAY GAUGE

IN OTHER WORDS,

HE BROKE THE DISPLAY GAUGE,

AND RESERVED SOME AIR INSIDE THE AIR-BIOS HE HAD ALREADY USED?

IS THAT 1 AIR-BIOS BET.

THE TURNING POINT

...WAS THE CATAS-TROPHE

THAT IS THE KEY TO SOLVING EVERY-THING.

THAT EX-POSED

USO-GUI'S

AIR-BIOS BET...

LAND-MINE.

THE LAND-MINE...

WAS DODGED BY HIM...

10
AIR-BIOS
LEFT

CALL!

CALL,
6
AIR-BIOS

NO MATTER WHAT HE DOES, IT WON'T CHANGE!!

25

VS

44,

EVEN IF BOTH SIDES MAKE THEIR NUMBERS INTO THE BEST HAND,

N-

IT'S NOW A PURE BATTLE OF NUMBERS!!

25

44

IT'S OVER!!

WITH THIS,

ALL THE CHOICES HAVE BEEN MADE!

7 7 10 10 10 44

7 3 5 5 5 25

"44" WILL WIN!

FUKU-ROU'S MIS-TAKE.

IT WOULD BE TO PRAY FOR

IF THERE'S STILL ANY HOPE TO GRASP,

NOW,

IT'S ABOUT TIME... LET'S END THIS.

THESE PHAN-TOMS ANY-MORE.

YOU DON'T NEED

JUST LET THESE THINGS GO.

I KNOW.

DOESN'T NEED THESE THINGS.

THE TRUE YOU

IN YOUR HEAD ANYMORE.

THERE IS NO ONE

THE ONLY THING LEFT IS

NOR YOUR FRIENDS ……

NOR YOUR ALLIES,

NOT YOUR COM-RADES,

LEFT INSIDE YOUR HEAD IN THE END?

WHAT'S THE ONLY THING

THAT'S ALL.

WHICH NUMBER THE BALL WILL FALL INTO.

THAT'S WHAT YOU DESIRE.

AND YOURSELF.

THE RESULT

THERE ARE ONLY 2 THINGS LEFT IN THE UNIVERSE.

GAMB-
LERS...

ARE KINDA PATHE-TIC, AREN'T THEY...?

THAT IS

WHAT A GAMBLER IS.

10 OF ♤

A "FULL HOUSE OF 10" MADE WITH THESE 5 CARDS, RIGHT, FUKUROU-SAMA...?

7 OF ♢

7 OF ♤

10 OF ♣

10 OF ♢

UNDER-STOOD.

PLUS 100 SP.

FUKUROU-SAMA

THE RESULT HAS COME OUT.

I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY BUT "AMAZING".

MADE NO MISTAKES.

THE WINNER IS...

LALO

PERFECTLY STEPPED ON...

THE WINNER IS...

GULP

LALO'S SP?

MINUS 10,000 SP.

LALO -10,000 SP

YES. HOW MUCH SP DOES LALO HAVE RIGHT NOW, REFEREE MANABE?

THE RESULT HAS COME OUT.

44

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VS

25

25,

THE 5TH ROUND OF "AIR POKER".

25.

THE LAND-MINE.

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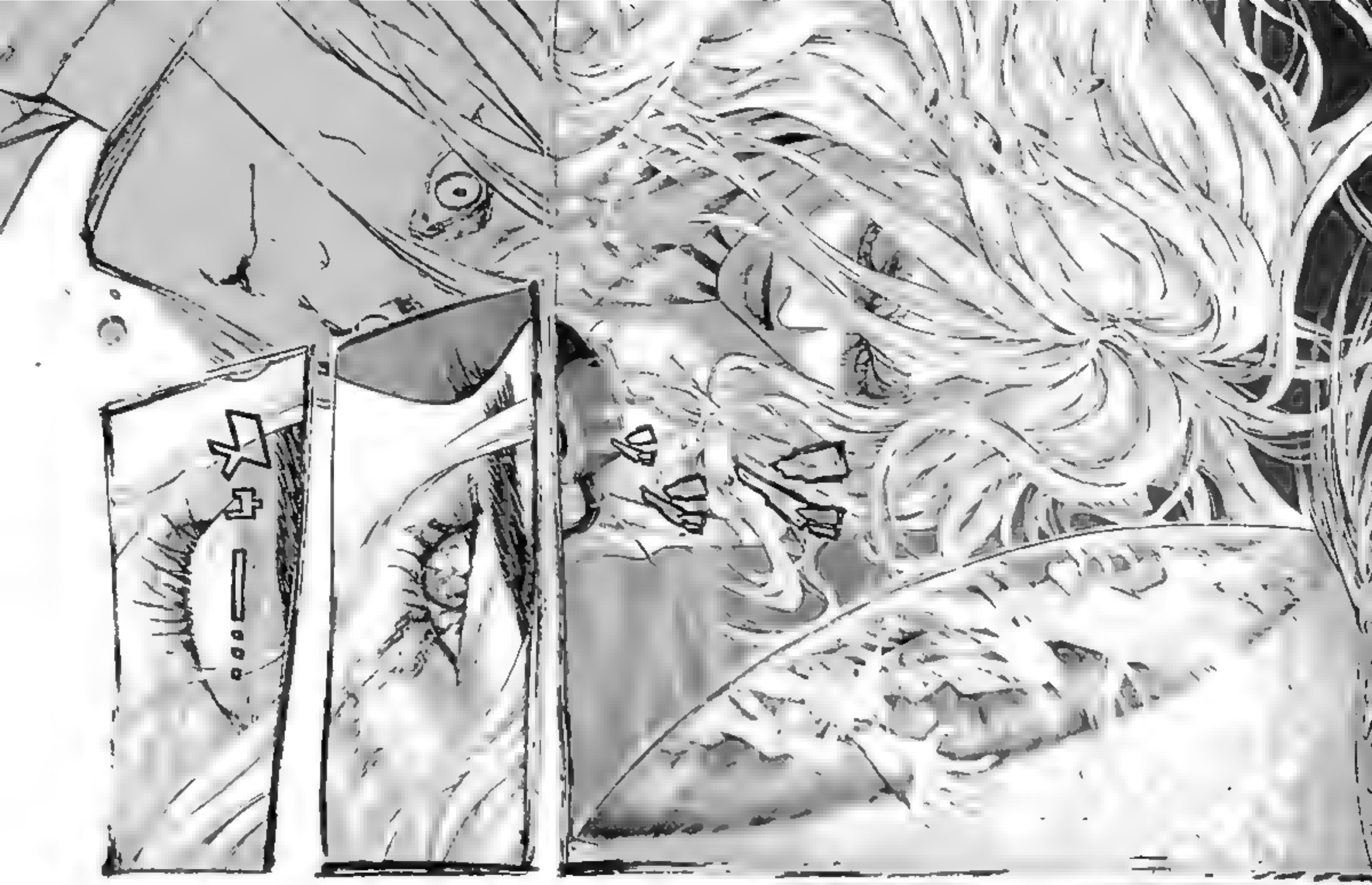
FUKUROU'S FAILURE



CHAPTER 463

FUKUROU'S FAILURE

IT'S OVER!!

THE GAP BETWEEN THEIR AIR-BIOS HAS INCREASED TO 14 AIR-BIOS!

LALO
10
AIR-BIOS

USOGUI
24
AIR-BIOS

THE 5TH ROUND ENDED!!

THE POT WAS

12 AIR-BIOS.

WHY...

44...

DID IT LOSE ...?

"44" LOST...

WAI-
WAIT A
SECOND.

AWE-
SOME!!
HOW
DID HE
WIN!?

WHY?

LISTEN,
THERE AREN'T
MANY CARDS
LEFT.

HE...

HE
WON...?

HE
WON!!

AND THEY USED
THESE CARDS TO
MAKE A HAND FOR
"25" AND "44"!

ONLY THESE
14 CARDS!

THE BEST HAND OF USOGUI'S "25" IS A THREE OF A KIND OF 5, RIGHT?

NO MATTER HOW YOU MAKE IT,

25

3 3

5 5 5

6

7 7 7 7

7 7 7 7

10 10 10

IT CAN'T DEFEAT 44'S BEST HAND, A FULL HOUSE OF 10!!

WAS IT YOU,

HACHINA?

DID YOU DO SOMETHING ...?

FUKUROU MADE A MISTAKE WHILE CREATING THE HAND!!

THEN HOW DID HE WIN?

IT'S A MISTAKE.

WAS ABOVE, HUH...

WHAT WENT WRONG...

COOPERATED BETTER THAN LALO AND FUKUROU.

IN THIS "AIR POKER", USOGUI AND HAL

AS I THOUGHT ……

AS I THOUGHT ……

BUT THERE'S A DEEPER MEANING BEHIND IT... EVEN I HAVEN'T GRASPED THE WHOLE PICTURE OF THE TRUTH.

THEY ARE BOTH TRUE, TECHNICALLY.

USOGUI AND HAL WON.

FUKUROU MADE A MISTAKE.

THE TRUTH?

FUKUROU DIDN'T MAKE A MISTAKE.

FIRST OF ALL, IN THIS 5TH ROUND,

HOW DID MADARAME WIN?

THEN,

…

ISN'T THE 5TH ROUND GOING TO START YET?

NOT YET?

WAS...

WAS IT THE 4TH ROUND!?

THAT'S WHY IT TOOK SO LONG FOR THE 5TH ROUND TO START...

YES.

THE MISTAKE WAS MADE IN THE 4TH ROUND!?

SO,

THE FIRST TRUTH IS HIDDEN

4TH ROUND!!

IN THE

AT THAT TIME, I...

THE 4TH ROUND

AT THAT TIME, I HAD BEEN PREPARED TO DIE.

WHA...

WHEN AN EXPERT ENDS UP MAKING A MISTAKE, IT WILL GENERALLY BE A VERY BASIC ERROR.

BUT AFTER THAT, WHAT I HEARD WASN'T THE SOUND OF THE AIR PRESSURE.

BUT

SOMETHING THAT MADE ME DOUBT MY EARS

YOU MADE A MISTAKE.

FUKUROU-SAMA

THE HAND IS INVALID.

WITHIN 100 SECONDS.

PLEASE MAKE A HAND FOR "63"

NOT LOSING BUT REMAKING!?

MEAN-ING...

PLEASE REMAKE A HAND.

!?

THE REASON WHY THE 5TH ROUND STARTED SO LATE WAS BECAUSE THE "TOP SIDE" WAS REMAKING THE HANDS!?

I REMEMBER THE CONDITION FOR REMAKING...

WAS...

BOTH OF THE PLAYERS "MAKE A MISTAKE" AT THE SAME TIME...

WHICH MEANS AT THAT TIME,

HAL MADE A MIS-TAKE TOO!

TO THINK THAT THOSE TWO WOULD "MISS" AT THE SAME TIME.

UNBELIEV-ABLE...

CAN WE REALLY BELIEVE IT SO EASILY?

REFEREE NOWA...

...

I GOT IT.

KAJI?

FOLLOW ING THAT.

DISAP-PEARED RIGHT AWAY

MY RELIEF FROM ESCAPING THE DEADLY AGONY

GULP

MY REAL FAILURE

SHOWED ITSELF.

WE HAD BEEN BELIEVING THAT THE "TOP SIDE" WOULD ALWAYS MAKE THE BEST HAND.

WE CARED LESS ABOUT THE USED CARDS THAN WE DID BEFORE.

BECAUSE BAKU-SAN FOLDED IN THE 4TH ROUND.

HAL

THE TRUTH HIDDEN BEHIND 25'S VICTORY IS...

RESERVED THE "25" TO STILL BE AN ACE CARD.

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AN INTENTIONAL MISTAKE

IN THE 4TH ROUND,

WE BOTH "MISSED"...

WHAT ABOUT "HAL"?

BUT,

THE REASON FOR MY MISTAKE WAS BECAUSE "I WAS THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING"...

THIS "AIR POKER" THAT YOU HAVE TO PLAY WITH THE DECK ONLY IN YOUR HEAD IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT

WE'RE IN THE SAME CONDITION.

IT'S NOTHING STRANGE IF SOMEONE MISSES.

MY INSTINCT WAS

MAKING ME THINK OF SOMETHING TOO INSENSIBLE AND UNBELIEV-ABLE.

BECAUSE I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY OWN INSTINCT.

BE-CAUSE...

THAT WAS

WHAT I THOUGHT AT THE BEGINNING...

MY INSTINCT WAS STILL TELLING ME THAT...

MEANING-LESS AND MAKE NO SENSE,

ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE

LISTEN.

MADE A MISTAKE ON PURPOSE...

HAL...

AND THAT'D MAKE A FULL HOUSE OF 6.

4+4

6+6+6

=26

IN THE 4TH ROUND, HAL SHOULD HAVE MADE THE BEST HAND FOR 26 BY USING THESE REMAINING 24 CARDS.

THERE WERE 14 CARDS LEFT.

AND IF HE'D MADE THE BEST HAND FOR 25 IN THE 5TH ROUND, AS WE MENTIONED LOTS OF TIMES,

AFTER REMOVING THAT FULL HOUSE AND FUKUROU'S BEST HAND,

HOWEVER, HAL "MISSED" IN THE 4TH ROUND.

25

IT'D HAVE BEEN A THREE OF A KIND OF 5.

FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT IF HE MADE A "MISTAKE" LIKE THIS ONE?

!!

4 OF ♤...?

THE 4 OF ♧ WOULD BE RESERVED.

WITH THIS,

LET'S SAY HE MISSED DUE TO USING THIS 4 OF ♤, WHICH WAS USED IN THE 1ST ROUND.

AS I THOUGHT...

MISSED ON PURPOSE!!

THAT GUY

AND,

THAT MEANS ...!?

IT'S USABLE.

THE 4 OF ♧ WOULD STILL BE USABLE!

IN THE FIRST PLACE, CHOOSING TO TAKE THE AGONY ON PURPOSE IS IMPOSSIBLE!

WHAT'S THE POINT OF MISSING ON PURPOSE!?

I DON'T GET IT!!

BUT FOR WHAT?

HE'S DEFINITELY AIMING FOR SOMETHING!

AN OBJEC-TIVE.

IF HE REALLY MISSED ON PURPOSE, THERE MUST BE

BUT...

WHAT DO I DO...?

I CAN'T MAKE THE BEST HAND.

BEFORE FINDING A SOLUTION, I HAVE TO BUY TIME BY MISSING!!

MISS!!

I HAVE TO MISS.!!

I HAVE TO MISS TOO!!

WE'RE REMAKING THE HANDS, SO SHOULD I

MAKE THE BEST HAND? BUT THAT MEANS I WOULD BE OVERLOOKING HIS OBJECTIVE...

I HAVE TO...

TAKE THAT DEADLY AGONY OF MY OWN VOLITION?

I HAVE TO MISS?

AH

BUMP

BUMP

BUMP

BUMP

BUMP

IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE...?

BETTING ON SOMETHING THAT'S NEITHER A CRISIS NOR AN OPPORTUNITY?

IF MY INSTINCT IS WRONG, I'LL TAKE THE AGONY FOR NOTHING...

I HAVE TO OVER-COME IT...

INSTINCT...

THIS IS AN INSTINCT ONE SHOULD OVERCOME...

WE HAD THE SAME CONCLUSION.

WHEN WE WERE TESTING THE WITCH PAIN BEFORE THE MATCH,

REFEREE NOWA... CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

?

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE...

FOR A PERSON TO CHOOSE TO TAKE ON THE DEADLY AGONY, AFTER EXPERIENCING IT ONCE.

ON THE OTHER HAND,

NO ONE WILL "TAKE A RISK" FOR NO REASON.

OF COURSE, THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS.

MAY SURPASS THE FEAR OF THE DEADLY AGONY.

AFTER ALL, IT'S A LIFE-THREATENING SITUATION.

OR HAVING A MATCH WHERE LOSING EQUALS DEATH. THE GOAL OF "WINNING TO AVOID DEATH",

WHEN YOU'RE FIGHTING,

THAT'S WHAT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN.

IS SUCH A THING POSSIBLE AT ALL!?

UNBELIEV-ABLE.

BUT HAL, WHO MISSED, SAID SOMETHING INCREDIBLE.

I'M SORRY, BUT...

REFEREE MANABE,

THIS SETUP WORKS BECAUSE IT'S NOT LIFE-THREATENING.

THAT'S WHY THE WITCH PAIN SUITS THIS GAME BETWEEN THE TWO ALLIES, HAL AND FUKUROU, SO WELL...

IT FORCES THEM TO PLAY THE ROLE OF ALLIES WHOSE FOCUS IS ON MAKING THE BEST HANDS TO AVOID THE DEADLY AGONY.

THAT'S WHAT THE WITCH PAIN IS.

I'VE ERASED THE WEDGE.

IN THE 4TH ROUND,

THE WINNER IS

FUKUROU-SAMA.

INSTINCT...

A... FAILURE...

K OF ♤

K OF ♢

K OF ♧

TO MAKE A FULL HOUSE OF KINGS.

Q OF ♤

Q OF ♢

FUKUROU-SAMA'S NUMBER IS "63". HE USED

4 OF ♤, TO MAKE A FULL HOUSE OF 6, BUT...

4 OF ♡

6 OF ♤

6 OF ♡

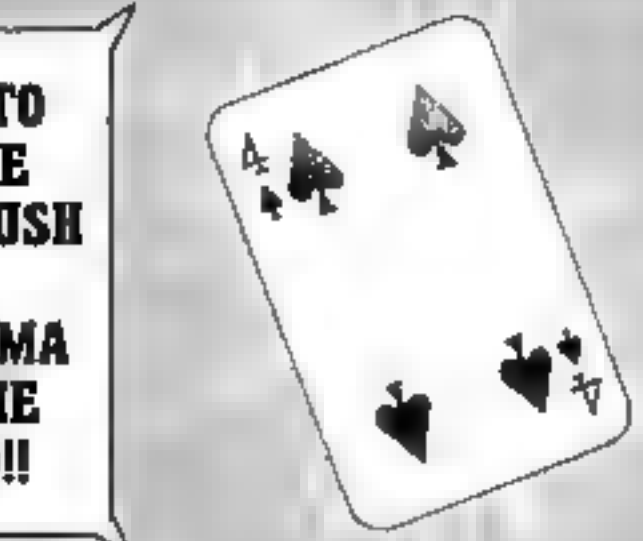
6 OF ♢

HAL-SAMA'S NUMBER IS "26". HE USED

IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S BEEN USED.

HAL-SAMA MISSED.

WAS USED TO CREATE THE STRAIGHT FLUSH WHICH FUKUROU-SAMA MADE IN THE 1ST ROUND!!



THE 4 OF ♤

OR PERHAPS ...

WAS IT SIMPLY A MISTAKE?

YOU MISSED... AGAIN.

AS I THOUGHT.

DID YOU

OVERCOME YOUR INSTINCT?

EXECUTION BY SHOOTING

I ERASED THE UNNECESSARY THINGS...

IF THE "WEDGE" IS IN YOUR WAY, JUST FORGET IT.

I DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST MY INSTINCT ANYMORE.

WHETHER TO WEAVE IT TOGETHER, OR THE OPPOSITE, IT'S ALL AT MY WILL.

I HAVE...

BECOME ...

PERFECT...

THIS IS MY FIRST DEADLY AGONY...

FOR ME,

SO THAT'S WHAT IT IS!?

AND RESERVED THE 4 OF ♧,

HAL "MISSED" ON PURPOSE,

AND MADE MADARAME'S ACE CARD,

25,

STILL BE A STRAIGHT FLUSH!?

CRISIS

AND THEN LALO'S FULL HOUSE WAS

THE REASON WHY WE KNEW MADARAME'S AND LALO'S CARDS WAS BECAUSE THE "MONITORING ROOM" TOLD US!!

INDEED.

BUT WAIT A SECOND.

THAT'S STRANGE... IT MAKES NO SENSE!

HAL AND FUKUROU DIDN'T KNOW WHAT CARDS THE "BOTTOM SIDE" HAS.

ACCORDING TO THE RULES,

AFTER THE "BOTTOM SIDE" SHOWED THEIR CARDS.

THEY WERE ONLY ALLOWED TO KNOW

UNLESS HAL KNEW THAT USOGUI HAD A "25" IN HIS HAND, HE WOULDN'T HAVE MADE SUCH A MOVE.

HOWEVER,

...HOW EXACTLY DID HE KNOW THAT USOGUI HAD "25"?

HE GOT ME...

HE TOTALLY GOT ME!!

HERE IT COMES...

AS I THOUGHT.

THOSE WERE USOGUI'S...

THUD

THUD

WHAT IS THE FINAL DEADLY AGONY!?

DEATH BY BURNING.

AFTER DISMEM-BERMENT.

IMPALE-MENT.

AND EXECUTION BY SHOOTING. WHAT'S THE LAST ONE!?

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HIS TRUE ALLY

I'M A GAMBLER!

I'M NOT AFRAID TO GAMBLE!

AS LONG AS I CAN WIN SOMETHING OUT OF IT,

I ACCEPT ALL GAMBLES NO MATTER HOW UNFAIR THE CONDITIONS ARE!!

WHEN I WAS 6, I BET MY LIFE ON A "HIGH CARD, JACK HIGH"

AND IT WAS ONLY FOR A BOWL OF RICE.

FROM THEN ON, I...

THAT'S WHEN I DECIDED TO BE A GAMBLER..

IN THE END, THE AMERICAN SOLDIER, WHO WAS BLUFFING, HAD A HAND OF "HIGH CARD, 10 HIGH".

AH...

MY... MY BREATH... WHAT IS THIS...!?

IT'S UNBEAR-ABLE...

IT'S TIGHTEN-ING...

IT'S UNBEAR-ABLE...

DON'T TELL ME...

IT'S...

DROWN

...!!?

I CAN'T...

IN-HALE...

THIS IS_

ONLY EXHALE...

HE COULD NARROW MADARAME'S REMAINING CARD DOWN TO THIS RANGE.

10 ⟩ 33	26	45	39	36

AND THE SUMS OF THE 5 CARDS THAT EACH PLAYER STARTED WITH, ADD UP TO ABOUT HALF OF THE SUM OF A DECK.

HALF HALF

THEY'RE USING A DECK OF 50 CARDS.

IF HAL ASSUMED THAT, THEN AT THE MOMENT WHEN HE LEARNED THE CARD IN THE 4TH ROUND WAS "26",

MAYBE HAL THOUGHT THAT MADARAME WAS HOLDING AN ACE CARD OR SOMETHING?

AND WITHIN THAT RANGE, THE NUMBER THAT HAS THE BIGGEST HAND WAS "25", A STRAIGHT FLUSH...

10 ⟩ 33	26	45	39

BAKU-SAN...

THOSE TWO... WHAT EXACT-LY...

HAL

.....

WE HAVE NO MEANS TO KNOW WHY HAL DECIDED TO RESERVE "25"...

THAT'S WHY HAL...

I DON'T KNOW.

BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S HOW IT IS.

THAT'S RIGHT...

THE ME WHO PRETEND TO BE ILL FOR A GAMBLE BY BURNING MY WHOLE FACE...

IF IT WAS THE YOUNG ME AT THAT TIME, WOULD I BE ABLE TO MISS ON PURPOSE!?

PROBABLY.

I'VE ONLY NOW REALIZED, THAT I'VE FALLEN INTO A TRAP NAMED POWER...

AND THAT COST ME THE WEAPON OF BEING A MAN WHO HAS NOTHING TO LOSE...

MAKING MY ACUTENESS DULL...

I GAINED MORE OPTIONS

BECAUSE I BECAME STRONGER...

"SOUNDS WHICH DISTRACTED ME"...

THOSE...

I SHOULD HAVE TRUSTED MY INSTINCT...

THUD

THUD

THUD

THUD

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THIS SOUND IS...?

RIGHT AFTER THE CALAMITY OCCURRED.

IT HAPPENED AT THE END OF THE 3RD ROUND,

PASSED THROUGH THE WITCH PAIN AND REACHED MY EARS...

THOSE SOUNDS...

THERE WERE TINY SOUNDS FROM THE "BOTTOM SIDE"...

H

HA

HAL

IT'S NOT LALO... IT'S...

HAL!

THUD...

THUD...

NO...

IT HAS... TEMPO.

THUD...

THUD

IT'S MORSE CODE!?

IS IT LALO WHO NOTICED OUR EXISTENCE FIRST?

AND IS SENDING A MESSAGE TO ME !?

IT'S USOGUI!

THIS IS A MESSAGE SENT FROM USOGUI TO HAL!!

HAL
(HAL)

36 DA
(IT'S 36)

IS USOGUI THE KIND OF FOOL WHO'D SEND A MESSAGE THAT CAN ALSO BE HEARD BY ME?

IT'S THE SAME NUMBER AS THE FIRST ROUND!? NO WAY... CAN I BELIEVE THIS...?

MEANING USOGUI'S LAST CARD IS "36"!?

36...

36'S BEST HAND RIGHT NOW IS A FOUR OF A KIND OF 6.

6 6 6 6 Q

BUT IT BOTHERS ME... I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT.

YES... THAT "36"... I GOT "44" IN THE 5TH ROUND, SO HAL'S NUMBER CAN NEVER BE "36"...

AS I THOUGHT, THAT WAS USOGUI'S...

BESIDES, A FOUR OF A KIND OF 6 IS NOT EVEN THE STRONGEST HAND IN THE REMAINING DECK...

FUKUROU SAMA. IT'S ABOUT TIME.

PLEASE MAKE A HAND FOR "63".

6 6 6 6

IS IT A MESSAGE TO TELL HAL TO RESERVE THE "6S" IN THIS ROUND

SO THAT USOGUI CAN MAKE A FOUR OF A KIND OF 6 IN THE 5TH ROUND?

WHAT A FOOL...

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO MAKE A WEAKER HAND ON PURPOSE.

USOGUI DOESN'T KNOW THAT THERE'S THE WITCH PAIN ON THE "TOP SIDE" !!

CHAPTER 465
HIS TRUE ALLY

3 OF ♣

HAL-SAMA'S NUMBER IS "25". HE USED

4 OF ♣

5 OF ♣

6 OF ♣

7 OF ♣

THE WINNER OF THE FINAL ROUND IS

HAL-SAMA.

TO MAKE A STRAIGHT FLUSH.

……！

"25"

"!?

FUFUROU-SAMA'S NUMBER IS

AS I THOUGHT, IT'S NOT "36"...

THE MIRA-CLE...

HE BET ON HIS TRUE ALLY WHO WAS ERASED WITH THE "EXECUTION BY SHOOTING" FROM BEFORE...

HE BET ON

HAL?

HAL...

YOU WERE LIKE A COMPUTER, ALWAYS ONE STEP FORWARD.

AH~ I WAS THINKING THAT

DON'T TELL ME, IT'S "2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY"?

YOU SEE...

HACHINANA 87.

HACHI 8

NANA 7

AND, YOUR NAME IS HACHINA NAOKI, RIGHT? HA-CHI-NA NA-O-KI.

GOT IT?

...

THE NAME OF THE COMPUTER IN THAT MOVIE... THERE ARE RUMORS STATING THAT,

THE 3-LETTER NAME OF THE THE LEADERS OF THE COMPUTER INDUSTRY AT THAT TIME, IBM, AS A MARK OF PROGRESS

IT WAS CHOSEN BY SHIFTING AHEAD EACH LETTER OF

IN OTHER WORDS,

I → H
B → A
M → L

SO,

YES...

SO I THOUGHT, WELL, IT LOOKED QUITE SIMILAR TO YOUR NAME...

TAKING THOSE NUMBERS AND SHIFTING THEM AHEAD WOULD BE

98 (KYU HACHI)

87 (HACHI NANA)...

IT BECOMES 87.

IBM IS AN AMERICAN COMPANY, BUT, IN JAPAN, ITS EQUIVALENT WOULD BE NEC AND ITS PC-9800...

HAL.

BY USING THIS THINKING, YOU ARE...

THUD

THUD

THUD

THUD

HAL...

...36

IT'S 36...

36...

2...

5...

25.

EACH NUMBER OF..

SHIFTING AHEAD

ALWAYS ONE STEP FORWARD

HAL IT'S 36

HAL-SAMA IT'S ABOUT TIME PLEASE MAKE A HAND FOR THE 4TH ROUND

THAT IS TOO HARD TO UNDERSTAND...

IT'S "25".

BAKU SAN...

IT'S ALSO A SIGNAL THAT ONLY I CAN UNDER-STAND...

HOW-EVER,

ABLE TO HELP YOU AT THE LAST MOMENT, BAKU-SAN...

I WAS FINAL-LY...

MORSE CODE FORESHADOWING

**IN CH.453 P.11, SOUICHI WAS MUMBLING "P- PER-..... PERFECT",
THE JAPANESE IS "かかか(KAKAKA)... かんぺき(KANPEKI)", WHICH SOUNDS LIKE TAPPING.
SO HE WAS ACTUALLY REPEATING BAKU'S MORSE CODE.
ALSO, HE SAID か/P- 25 TIMES, IF WE TRANSLATE THE SIGNAL, "HAL 36 DA(HAL, IT'S 36)",
INTO MORSE CODE, IT'LL BE 25 LETTERS TOO.(UNFORTUNATELY THE ORDER AND DURATION
ARE ILLEGIBLE.)**

Input:

HAL36DA

Output:

. . . . _ . _ . . . . _ _ _ . . . . _ . . . _ . . _
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

CHAPTER 466

A MAN OF DIAMONDS

BILLY, IF YOU...

WHAT!

THAT MUST BE THE MOMENT WHEN YOU... MISJUDGE SOMETHING.

VANISH ONE DAY IN THE FUTURE,

HE WAS ABLE TO NOTICE THE TRAP SET BY USOGUI AND HIS HIDDEN AIR-BIOS.

AND WENT IN FOR THE BATTLE OF CARDS, BUT,

HE ENDED UP BEING SUNK DUE TO HAL KEEPING THE CARDS NEEDED FOR THE STRAIGHT FLUSH!!

3 4 5 6 7

THE BIOS DIFFERENCE HASN'T MOVED AT ALL SINCE THEN!!

MADARAME IS BREATHING SLIGHTLY FASTER BUT

NOTHING CAN MAKE UP FOR A DIFFERENCE OF 14 AIR BIOS IN THIS RESILLENCE BATTLE!

LALO WILL DEFINITELY DEFINITELY RUN OUT OF AIR FIRST!!

MADARAME HAS WON!!

WHERE DID LALO MAKE A MISTAKE?

HE USED HIS HANDS TO HIS ADVANTAGE,

WAS LEADING THE FIGHT IN TERMS OF AIR-BIOS DIFFERENCE AND DIDN'T MAKE ANY MISTAKES IN THE FINAL PHASE...

THE GAMBLER

WON AGAINST IDEAL'S BOSS, VINCENT LALO!!

...

INDEED, LALO HAD AVOIDED THE LANDMINE.

THE LAND-MINE,

EVEN THOUGH I AVOIDED

IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE,

HIDDEN BEHIND ME...

BY THE TIME I NOTICED THE ONE

WELL, I'M NOT INTERESTED ANYMORE NOW, BUT...

I HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO THINK...

SO THIS IS... MY LOSS...

WHERE DID I MESS UP?

BILLY... WHAT DID I MISJUDGE?

WAS IT THE TIME WHEN HE TOLD ME THE LAW,

JUMPING ONTO THE GAMBLER'S STAGE WITH HIM...?

AND I LOST MY STYLE,

NICE TO MEET YOU,

I AM...

AND MET THOSE TWO...?

IN 10 MINUTES.

BRING THIS CELL-PHONE, AND NO WEA-PONS

NO, MAYBE IT WAS EVEN BEFORE,

WHEN I ACCEPTED KIRUMA SOUICHI'S CALL,

WHY DID I DO SUCH A THING?

AT THAT TIME,

WE HAVE AN APPOINTMENT TO PICK UP THE BODY OF THE SAILOR LADY THAT WAS FOUND AT THE HARBOR.

IS IT REALLY ALRIGHT?

THE DESTINATION HAS BEEN CHANGED.

I'LL DEFI-NITELY GO AND PICK YOU UP...

YOU WILL BECOME EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL.

VOJA, I AM SORRY.

YOU NEED THAT BODY, RIGHT?

...

BUT BRING IT BACK TO ME FROM THE POLICE

I DON'T CARE HOW YOU DO IT,

BILLY'S BODY,

BILLY, NOW, EVEN AFTER YOU, ANOTHER ONE OF MY BEAUTIFUL TALENTS HAS...

I WAS TOO EMOTIONAL.

MAYBE AT THAT TIME,

I ACCEPTED KIRUMA SOUICHI'S INVITATION...

THIS IS...

OUR LOSS.

BILLY...

!...

JUST... A BIT MORE...

WILL SOON BE OUT...

LALO'S LAST AIR-BIOS...

SOON...

!

IT IS TIME.

I WOULD LOVE TO ADMIRE YOU ETERNALLY... BUT...

HE STOOD UP BY HIM-SELF!!

!

HE ACCEP-TED HIS LOSS!!

COUNT-ING DOWN!!

AS LONG AS YOU KEEP ON FIGHTING...

YOU WILL DEFINITELY END UP LOSING ONE DAY...

HE GOT THE KEY!!

3

2

1

CLACK

IPK

IT'S OVER,

BAKU-SAN...

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM?

CLACK

THE WINNER AND

THE LOSER...

スッ スッ

CLACK

THE WINNER GETS EVERYTHING... AND THE LOSER,

BAKU-SAN!

AREN'T YOU SWIMMING DIAGONALLY RIGHT NOW?

MADARAME, WHAT'S THAT!! YOU SUCK AT SWIMMING DON'TCHA! COME ON, SWIM RIGHT TO THE TOP!

HOW ABOUT YOU GUYS GO AND STAY IN THAT WATER TOO!?

SHUT UP! HE'S TIRED!

IT'S OVER.

VOJA,

I CANNOT PICK YOU UP ANYMORE.

SORRY...

IT IS HIS

DIAMONDS
THAT I WANT
RIGHT NOW.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

REFEREE NOWA, LALO CAUGHT USOGUI'S LEG AFTER HE LOST HIS BALANCE!!

WAI... WAIT A SECOND.

WHA... WHAT IS HE DOING!?

HE GOT HIS LEG!!

REFE-REE!!

WHAT CAN WE DO!?

RIGHT NOW, THIS IS A BATTLE OF RESILIENCE OF WHOEVER DIES FIRST!

IF IT WAS DURING THE GAME AIR POKER, THEN IT WOULD UNMISTAKABLY BE "HINDERING THE GAME". BUT RIGHT NOW IT'S DIFFERENT.

LETTING HIS GUARD DOWN, USOGUI ENTERED THE PERIMETER OF A MAN HEADING TO HIS DEATH.

WE CAN ALSO DEEM THIS AS NOTHING MORE THAN THE MISTAKE OF THE WINNER, USOGUI, CAN'T WE?

HE PLANS TO TAKE HIM DOWN WITH HIM! THAT'S AGAINST THE RULES!! DO SOMETHING FOR GOD'S SAKE!!

BEAUTIFUL HUMAN DIAMONDS.

THEY ARE CREATIONS OF UNPRECEDENTED BEAUTY.

THOSE ARE ACTUALLY BILLY... THOSE DIAMONDS ARE CREATED FROM BILLY'S BODY USING AN ADVANCED TECHNIQUE...

YOU PICKED UP THE DIAMONDS, RIGHT?

VOJA,

PLEASE GUARD THEM SAFELY FOR ME UNTIL YOU REACH THE DESTINATION. WILL YOU?

I WILL DEFINITELY TURN YOU INTO MY PRECIOUS DIAMONDS TOO.

WHEN YOU DIE ONE DAY,

ONLY I KNOW

YOUR BEAUTY.

ONLY I...

...

MARVELOUS...

YOU TOO WILL MOST CERTAINLY BECOME BEAUTIFUL DIAMONDS.

EVERY DIAMOND IN THIS WORLD SHALL BE MINE...

NO ONE ELSE IN THIS WORLD, EXCEPT ME...

I AM THE ONLY ONE...

IS ALLOWED TO UNDERSTAND THEIR VALUE.

IT SHOULD BE ALRIGHT AS LONG AS HE DOES NOT PANIC AND BREATHES CALMLY!

I REMEMBER WHEN THEY CHANGED THEIR AIR-BIOS.

HOWEVER BAKU SAMA, WHO MAY HAVE HAD A GUT FEELING THIS COULD HAPPEN,

HAD JUST CHANGED HIS AIR BIOS!! LALO SHOULD CERTAINLY RUN OUT OF OXYGEN FIRST!

LALO WILL SOON BE OUT OF AIR!

DID YOU REALLY THINK THAT USOGUI WAS THE ONLY ONE TO HAVE TRICKS DURING THESE 5 ROUNDS?

EVEN IF THEY HAD DIFFERENT STRATEGIES, THEY BOTH BATTLED EQUALLY.

?

REFEREE NOWA, I HAVE A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW THAN YOU!

IT MIGHT BE THAT USOGUI WASN'T THE ONLY ONE TO HAVE KEPT SOME SPARE OXYGEN!

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DESERVE TO SUFFER

JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT HE'D BE OUT OF OXYGEN, HE JUST SWITCHED HIS AIR-BIOS TO ONE HE ALREADY USED!?

WHAT IS HE DOING!?

USOGUI

DEFINITELY SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISTRAUGHT BY THAT I AIR-BIOS BET BY LALO.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SITUATION DURING THE LAST BETTING PHASE!!

WHAT IS WITH THAT DAMN AIR-BIOS...?

WHY ...?

LISTEN, I HAVE A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW THAN YOU, REFEREE NOWA!

LALO'S BEHAVIOR IS AGAINST THE RULES!!

BUT HE CHOSE TO RAISE TO THE MAXIMUM LIMIT.

CALL WITH 1 AIR-BIOS.

TO WIN, HE ONLY NEEDED TO

THAT WAY, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WIN WITH AN ADVANTAGE OF 2 AIR BIOS!!

HIS "MAX RAISE".

AND HE KNEW THAT LALO WOULD NOTICE THAT THERE'S A REASON BEHIND

THE REASON WHY HE WAS DISTRAUGHT WAS BECAUSE HE KNEW THAT LALO WAS TESTING HIM.

TO ASK WHY...

WITH A DIFFERENCE OF 2 AIR BIOS AND THE AIR-BIOS USOGUI RESERVED, CONSIDERING HE BET EVERYTHING ON HAL IN THE "TOP SIDE", HE SHOULD HAVE CALLED, BUT HE DIDN'T...

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IT'S ABOUT TIME

TO CHANGE MY AIR-BIOS.

THAT SOME-THING WAS ALSO OFF WITH LALO.

IT'S BECAUSE USOGUI ALREADY KNEW, IN HIS MIND

DURING THE 1ST TO 5TH ROUND.

THOSE WERE THE AIR-BIOS HE USED FOR BREATHING

HE PLACED THE AIR-BIOS THAT WERE AT HIS FEET ONTO THE TABLE.

I SAW IT. JUST BEFORE LALO CAUGHT USOGUI'S LEG.

KEPT SOME AIR-BIOS ..!?

LALO ALSO

HE IS NOW BREATHING THROUGH THE AIR-BIOS THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONSUMED ENTIRELY.

TO TELL MY THOUGHTS, I BELIEVE THAT LALO WAS ALSO CONFIDENT IN WINNING A BATTLE OF RESILIENCE AT THE BEGINNING

USOGUI WAS SUSPECTING THAT LALO RESERVED SOME OXYGEN.

HOW MANY MINUTES CAN YOU REMAIN ALIVE?

HOW MANY MINUTES CAN YOU STILL GO ON WITH THAT AIR-BIOS OF YOURS .?

THE AIR-BIOS BREATHED BY THE TWO OF THEM IN THE 5TH ROUND STILL HAVE THEIR VALVE OPEN. IN OTHER WORDS, ONLY THE AIR BIOS BEFORE THE 5TH ROUND CONTAIN OXYGEN IN THEM!!

BAKU-SAN CANNOT GET RID OF HIM!! IF THIS GOES ON...

YAKOU-SAN!!

THE REFEREES OF THE BATTLE ARE THE ONLY ONES WITH THE RIGHT TO PASS JUDGEMENT!! THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO RIGHT NOW!

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO HOLD ON FOR 4 MINUTES.

I JUST CHANGED THIS ONE. SO AS LONG AS I KEEP MY BREATHING UNDER CONTROL,

THE AIR BIOS I HAVE STEADILY BEEN RESERVING SINCE THE 2ND ROUND...

SEEING MY CURRENT CONSUMPTION, THEY SHOULD SOON BE EMPTY.

THOSE AIR-BIOS LALO IS TRYING TO GRAB...

THOSE AIR-BIOS...

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USED AIR-BIOS!!

ARE USO-GUI'S

BUT, THESE...

IF ONLY I COULD...

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I CANNOT REACH THE AIR-BIOS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN USED YET,

AS THEY ARE TOO FAR.

DON'T TELL ME...

BAKU SAN WAS KEEPING OXYGEN TOO...?

WHAT IS HAPPEN-ING!?

YOU HAVE MORE IN RESERVE THAN I DO.

IN OTHER WORDS,

UNLIKE ME, YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING OXYGEN SINCE THE 1ST ROUND.

YOU WERE RIGHT.

LALO'S VIOLENCE IS AGAINST THE RULES.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I AM GOING TO STOP HIM.

...I WON'T STOP HIM.

I WON'T GO.

WOULD YOU PLEASE GO FOR ME. JUST LIKE YOU DID FOR THE CALAMITY, AS I CANNOT SWIM

PEEK

ALTHOUGH WE'RE STILL IN DISCUSSION, YOU DON'T SEEM TOO INTENT ON DOING ANYTHING, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID HE BROKE THE RULES.

ISN'T IT BETTER FOR YOU TO NOT MOVE AT ALL?

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO,

LALO GOT HIS HANDS ON MADARA-ME'S AIR-BIOS!!

HE GRAB-BED IT!!

HIS FIERCE EYES, JUST AS STRONG AS EVER.

COULD MAKE ALL THE REFEREES WHO HAVE LIVED THROUGH HUNDRED OF BATTLES SHIVER.

LALO IS STOKING UP THE LAST FIRE OF HIS REMAINING LIFE THROUGH VIOLENT BEHAVIOR...

AFTER LOS-ING,

RUN-NING FROM HIS FINAL FATE.

WHEN PEOPLE... SEE SOMETHING THAT IS CLEARLY BEYOND THEIR UNDERSTANDING.

THEY WILL BE OVERCOME WITH A STRONG FEAR...

WHAT REFEREES SAW WAS LALO'S FACE.

YET THERE WAS NOTHING LIKE THE DISTORTED FACE ONE EXPECTS TO SEE ON A MAN WHO IS

LISTEN,

THAT'S WHY I SAID IT'S BETTER TO LEAVE THE SITUATION LIKE THIS.

...FOR ME,

AND ALSO FOR ALL YOU REFEREES.

I'LL ASK YOU ONCE MORE. WHY DO YOU THINK USOGUI DID NOT CALL ON THAT 1 AIR-BIOS BET FROM LALO?

EVERY-THING HAPPENED BECAUSE OF THE ANSWER UNCOVERED BY THAT 1 AIR-BIOS BET...

JUST AS YOU SAID PREVIOUSLY.

"LALO TOO HAS BEEN KEEPING AIR-BIOS AROUND",

USOGUI WAS SUSPECTING THAT, WASN'T HE?

SO USOGUI RAISED THE BET TO THE MAXIMUM.

AND LALO TOOK THE BAIT, AND CALLED USOGUI'S RAISE...

LALO JUDGED AT THAT MOMENT THAT, IF HE FOLDED THERE,

HE WOULD LOSE THE BATTLE OF RESILLIENCE DUE TO THE 2 AIR-BIOS DIFFERENCE AND THE LANDMINES OF RESERVED AIR-BIOS PLACED BY USOGUI.

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I WON.

I WON FOR SURE....

I AM THE... WINNER.

BETTER FOR ME...? DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU, THE FORMER CHIEF OF THE PRIVATE FUNERAL DIVISION, HAVE BEEN BEARING A GRUDGE AGAINST USOGUI ALL THIS TIME, SINCE HE FOUGHT AGAINST YOUR COMRADES...?

NO ONE CAN EASILY REMOVE THE WEDGE...

REACH THE REAL AMOUNT OF HIS REMAINING AIR-BIOS.

AT THAT MOMENT, USOGUI REALLY DIDN'T WANT LALO TO

AND CONFIRMED THAT USOGUI HAD KEPT AIR-BIOS AROUND TOO.

BUT, LALO READ USOGUI'S MAX RAISE AS A MOVE TO MAKE HIM FOLD.

AND LALO, WHO HAS BEEN CONSTANTLY TASTING USOGUI'S TRICKERIES UP UNTIL NOW DURING THIS 卍(BAN) MATCH,

FOR BOTH THE REFEREES WHO KNOW USOGUI TOO WELL,

THAT WAS EXACTLY THE MOMENT WHERE EVERYONE HAD DIFFERENT OPINIONS.

THE WEDGE CALLED USOGUI HAS BEEN DEEPLY DRIVEN INTO THEIR MINDS.

THE MAN NAMED USOGUI WOULD DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO KEEP SOME AIR-BIOS IN RESERVE, EVEN THOUGH THAT MADE HIM DIE OF DROWNING BEFORE...

THE OTHER ANSWER DRIFTED AWAY.

DUE TO THAT WEDGE,

THERE WOULD STILL BE A GAP OF 2 AIR-BIOS, USOGUI SHOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO WIN BY CALLING.

EVEN IF LALO DID THE SAME THING TOO,

LET'S SAY THAT USOGUI HAS BEEN SAVING OXYGEN SINCE THE 1ST ROUND,

AFTER ALL, HE WOULD HAVE DIED IF HE DID.

NO, HE COULD NOT CALL.

THIS IS THE OTHER ANSWER. USOGUI DID NOT CALL.

MY REAL REMAIN-ING AIR-BIOS...

HE WON'T BE ABLE TO REACH IT...

IT'S OKAY.

IT'S ALRIGHT

FOR SUCH A LOSER TO DIE, ACCEPTING HIS FATE WITH A PEACEFUL FACE?

I WON'T ALLOW IT.

!?

EMPTY!? THERE IS NO OXYGEN IN THIS AIR-BIOS !!

I AM THE WINNER

YOU ARE THE LOSER

BUT YOU ARE NOT JUST ANY LOSER

YOU ARE THE ONE WHO BET AND LOST EVERYTHING YOU HAVE

WHILE STEALING AWAY MY COMRADES AND MONEY.

A TOTAL LOSER.

USOGUI NEVER SAVED ANY AIR-BIOS WITH OXYGEN.

AS I THOUGHT... THAT SIDE IS MORE DANGEROUS.

THAT SIDE...

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ごめんなさい
通して
ください

THE NEXT TOO!!

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USOGUI NEVER_

EMPTY !!

THE REMAINING AIR IS AT...

ZERO!!

THIS AIR-BIOS IS...

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USOGUI

KEPT OXYGEN AROUND TO BEGIN WITH!

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HIS VICTORY WOULDN'T BE GUARANTEED...

LALO'S RESERVED AIR-BIOS

VS

2 AIR-BIOS

MEANING THAT EVEN IF HE DID CALL WITH 2 AIR-BIOS AT THAT MOMENT,

USOGUI NEVER KEPT ANY AIR FOR LATER.

"IF HE DOES NOT NOTICE THIS LANDMINE...

IT'S GAME OVER."

...

THESE WERE MY WORDS AT THAT TIME:

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DID KEEP SOME AIR BIOS AROUND, USOGUI HAD NO CHANCE TO WIN AT ALL.

TO ADD TO THAT RESILIENCE BATTLE; IF LALO REALLY

THE SITUATION THAT USOGUI WANTED TO AVOID THE MOST WAS THE ONE WHERE LALO FOLDS IN THE 5TH ROUND WITHOUT HIM BEING ABLE TO DO ANYTHING.

EVERY-THING WOULD HAVE ENDED AT THAT MOMENT.

IF HE DIDN'T NOTICE THE "RESERVED AIR-BIOS" TRAP THAT WAS PLACED IN ORDER TO MAKE HIM DOUBT,

HOWEVER, IF IT'S LALO... NO, IF LALO REALLY HAD HIDDEN AIR-BIOS, THEN HE WOULD DEFINITELY SUSPECT THAT USOGUI KEPT SOME TOO.

WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO WIN AGAINST HIM...?

WAS ABLE TO THROW OUT LIES AND TRUTH AT WILL,

IF SUCH A MAN

AND OFFERING HIS OWN DEATH FOR THE SAKE OF VICTORY.

A MAN OVER-COMING HIS INSTINCT.

I COULDN'T ...

THIS IS A TOTAL LOSS.

NO ONE...

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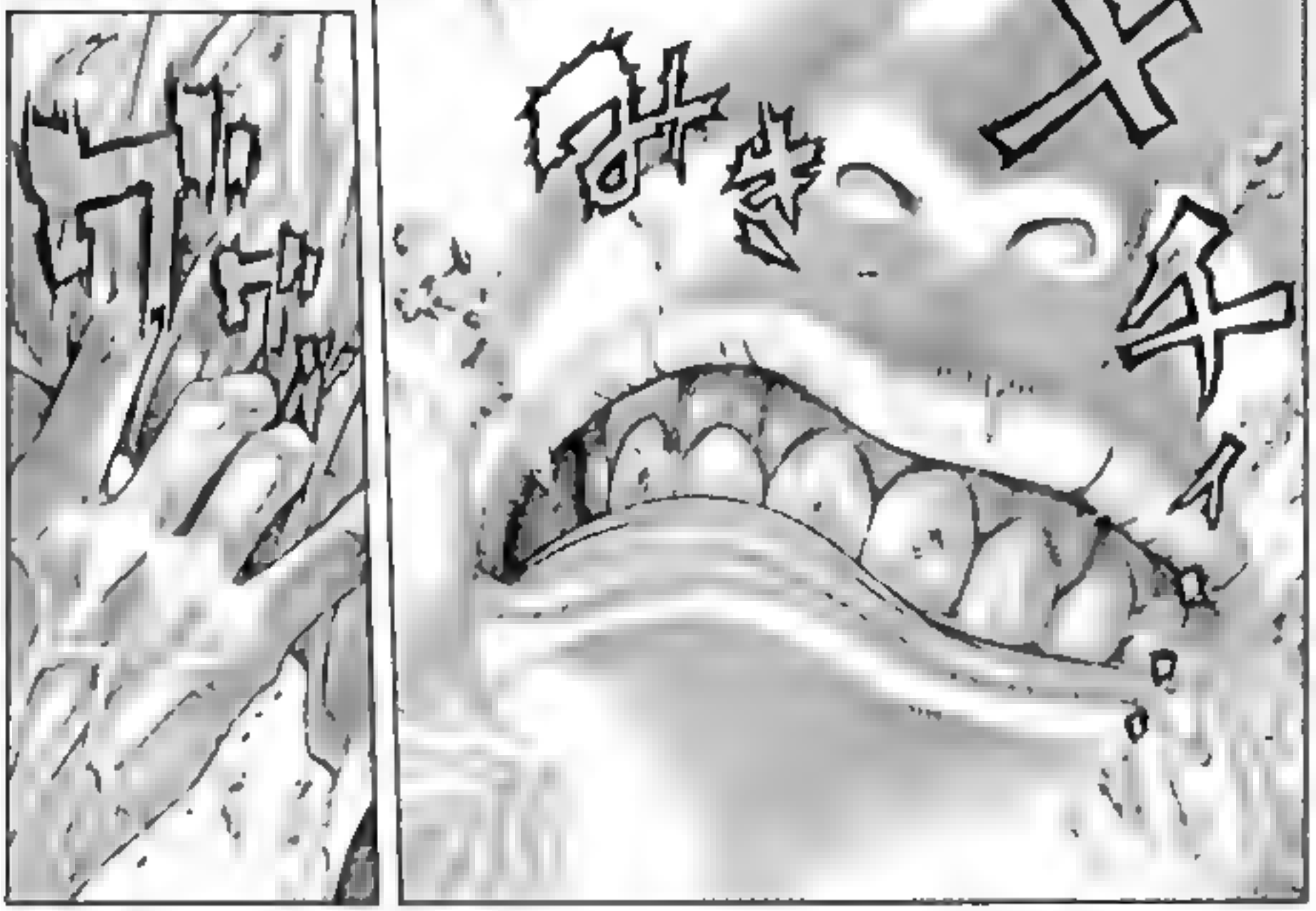

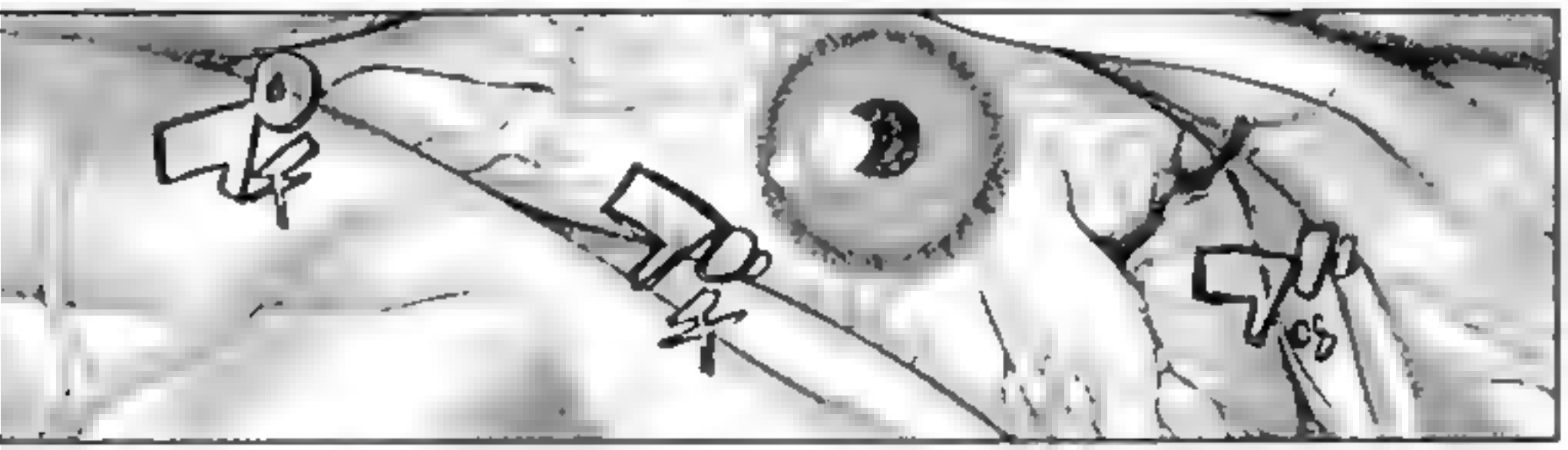

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EVERYONE SAW EVERY ASPECT OF THAT MAN'S LAST BREATH.

THE RE FLECTION OF THE LIGHT IN THE WATER WHICH GAVE SUCH A SIGHT...

IT MIGHT BE THAT THIS WAS NOTHING MORE THAN

THE FACE OF A MONSTER LAUGHING SPOOKILY.

HIS FINAL RAGE AND ANGER.

THE LAST FIGURE OF

EXCEPT FOR USOGUI.

AT FIRST, IT SEEMED TO ME THAT LALO HAD AT FIRST CALMLY ACCEPTED HIS LOSS... HIS DEATH.

THAT IS HOW IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN.

SUBLIME...

"I WOULD HAVE LOST NO MATTER WHICH CHOICE I MADE"... THAT'S WHAT HE THOUGHT.

BUT, EVEN IF HE HAD FOLDED, AND CHOSE TO HAVE A BATTLE OF RESILLIENCE INSTEAD, HE WOULD ALSO HAVE LOST TO USOGUI'S REMAINING HIDDEN AIR BIOS.

AFTER ALL, HE LOST BY TRUSTING THE "TOP SIDE" TO WIN THE BATTLE OF CARDS...

AND BECAME THE MOMENT HE REALIZED HE WAS THE ONLY ONE TO BLAME FOR HIS OWN DEATH.

HOWEVER, THAT SUDDEN ACT OF VIOLENCE MADE HIM ABANDON HIS READINESS TO DIE,

HE THOUGHT IT WAS A SITUATION WITH NO WAY OUT... IN THAT MOMENT, I COULD SEE THE PURENESS OF LALO ACCEPTING HIS TOTAL DEFEAT.

I WOULD HAVE WON."

"IF ONLY I HAD FOLDED AT THAT TIME...

THE SITUATION HAD CHANGED FROM BEFORE.

IF I DIDN'T KNOW...

YOU, MADARA-ME BAKU...

IF I DIDN'T KNOW .....

I WOULD HAVE WON...

YOU_
DAMN...
LIAR_

?

PLEASE WATCH THIS.

REFEREE MANABE,

INDEED, JUST AS YOU SAID, IT SEEMS YOU DO NOT KNOW MADARAME BAKU TOO WELL.

WINNER

USOGUI
MADARAME BAKU

IDEAL'S BOSS
VINCENT LALO

LOSER

REFEREES
REFEREE NO.6
NOWA SHION

REFEREE NO.29
MANABE TAKUMI

GAINED
MADARAME BK'S, CHAMP'S, AND RYUUSEI'S VESTS(LV.80), ARATA'S VEST(LV.100)
*HENCE, THE RIGHT TO BECOME THE NEXT KAISER.

THE RECORDING OF THE MOMENT WHEN LALO

STOOD UP ON HIS OWN, AND USOGUI FREES HIMSELF FROM THE SHACKLES.

THIS... THIS IS...

BATTLE IN THE AIR, THE FINAL BATTLE

HE DID.

BEHIND HIS SEAT!?

HE PUSHED ALL THE AIR-BIOS HE DID NOT USE

...AND,

ON PURPOSE.

USOGUI HAD PUSHED HIS UNUSED AIR-BIOS TO A PLACE LALO COULDN'T REACH

HE ALSO PUSHED ALL THE USED AIR-BIOS, WHICH WERE THOUGHT TO STILL HAVE SOME OXYGEN INSIDE.
TO A PLACE WHERE LALO COULD ACTUALLY REACH...
JUST AS IF HE WAS SAYING, COME ON, TAKE THEM.

嘘吸いる。

SIMPLE.

...

WHY ...?

IN ORDER TO REVEAL THAT "LIE"... HE WENT THERE TO LET HIM KNOW HE WAS THE ONE TO BLAME.

IT WAS IN ORDER TO REVEAL THAT LALO'S FINAL DECLARATION OF LOSING WAS FAKE...

HE GOT GRABBED BY LALO ON PURPOSE...

"AIR POKER" ARC, FIN

WHY I AM SAYING THAT YOU DO NOT KNOW HIM WELL.

THAT IS EXACTLY

I DON'T UNDER-STAND.

TO ASK WHY, IT'S BECAUSE...

JUST FOR THAT PURPOSE, WHY'D HE TAKE SO MUCH RISK IF HE DIDN'T HAVE TO?

YOU ARE

A BIG LIAR, AREN'T YOU?

HE'S USO-GUI. (THE LIE EATER)

TIPA'S MADARAME WON!!

HE WON!!

HE CAME OUT!!

BAKU-SAN,

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AIR POKER'S EPILOGUE

PHEW.

FINALLY... "AIR POKER" CAME TO ITS END.

REFEREE NANPOU...

USOGUI WON DUE TO LALO DROWNING.

WELCOME BACK.

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AS EXPECTED OF YOU, USOGUI!!

AND REFEREE IKON...

IT ALSO MEANS THAT MY BET ON USOGUI HAS PAID OFF!!

I'M JUST HAPPY TO HAVE WOKEN UP BEFORE THE END!!

BAHAHAHA! ALTHOUGH IT'S A SHAME THAT I COULD NOT JUDGE YOUR FIGHT.

INDEED,

I'D BE UPSET.

BAHAHA! NOW GIMME MY MONEY!!

WHY ARE YOU MAKING SUCH A SAD FACE, AMEN!? ARE YOU UPSET THIS AIN'T A DREAM!?

IF, THIS
RIGHT NOW

WAS TO
BE A
DREAM...

...THIS IS NOT A DREAM.

THE UNCLE

ISN'T MOVING ANYMORE.

THAT STRONG UNCLE DIED....

HE DIED...

MARCO...

AND WON'T MOVE ANY-MORE...

MARCO HAS TO BECOME STRONGER.

KA... KAJI-CHAN?

YOU'RE COLD, RIGHT? BAKU-SAN!!

YOUR GUESS WAS RIGHT, KAJI-CHAN!

YOU WERE RIGHT!

ARE YOU ALRIGHT? BAKU-SAMA, WE'VE PREPARED HOT WATER FOR YOU TO WARM UP IN ANOTHER ROOM. PLEASE FOLLOW ME.

BUT I PREPARED ENOUGH OF MY SPECIAL COFFEE WITH ALL MY HEART FOR EVERYONE HERE IF YOU WOULD LIKE IT.

IT MIGHT BE QUITE A LUXURY NOW,

I CAN'T WAIT TO WARM UP WITH HOT WATER. THAT'S ALL I NEED.

PERFECT.

OH, THAT IS GREAT.

AND...

KAJI CHAN, I WANT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING.

WHAT YOU DID AT THAT TIME,

DID THAT

HAVE ANY MEANING?

STARE

MEAN-ING?

...

!!

HEHE HE...

AH~

NO... IT'S NOTHING.

HM...

WHAT DOES "THAT" REFER TO?

HEHEHE... "THAT"?

THANK YOU...

AS I THOUGHT,

YOU SURE ARE A CLEVER-CREEP, KAJI-CHAN.

HA HA.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING~? BAKU-SAN.

HA...

WITH THIS, USOGUI GAINED THE RIGHT TO PLAY SURPASSING THE LEADER...

GO TAKE A BATH!

LET'S GO, QUICK!

CAN LEADER REALLY...

HOW ABOUT WE LEAVE IT AT THAT FOR NOW?

WE WILL KNOW WHEN THE TIME COMES.

WIN AGAINST THAT MONSTER ...?

…
HAL.

HEY...
HACHINA.

…

YOU ARE...
MADARAME
BAKU.

FOUGHT WELL.

YOU

THANK YOU...

I'M STILL YOUR ALLY... YOUR FRIEND.

UNTIL THAT TIME COMES... AT LEAST RIGHT NOW,

BUT... THAT'S HOW GAMBLES SHOULD BE, RIGHT?

SO THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN SAYING THAT THIS WORLD IS IRONIC AND BIZARRE.

HOW IRONIC AND BIZARRE THIS WORLD CAN BE.

HOWEVER, THIS IS INDEED REALITY.

HUH? WHY BIZARRE?

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THAN MADARAME BAKU, WHO BREATHED FREELY IN ADDITION TO THOSE DISADVAN-TAGES.

I MEAN, YOU SEE.

LALO ENDED UP LOSING EVEN THOUGH HE HAD A GREATER ADVANTAGE IN BOTH CARDS AND OXYGEN VOLUME...

WAS EVEN MORE IRONIC AND BIZARRE.

THIS MAN, VINCENT LALO,

HE'S ALREADY DEAD...

IT WON'T BE AN ISSUE, RIGHT?

...

DON'T TELL ME. YOU WON'T LET ME?

I... I'VE BEEN REQUESTED FOR THE RETRIEVAL OF LALO'S CORPSE!!

XCUSE ME...

...

SEE, THAT VINCENT LALO'S CORPSE...

SO THIS IS WHY I SAID THIS STORY IS SO IRONIC...

WHY VOULD YOU O SUCH...

...

WILL BE MADE INTO DIAMONDS.

CLEVER-CREEP(キモ冴えてる)

**THIS TERM, キモ冴えてる, FIRST APPEARED IN THE ABANDONED BUILDING ARC(CH.15 P.10).
IT'S MADE OF "キモイ(GROSS)" AND "冴えてる(CLEVER)".
JUST LIKE "HAL", IT'S A SIGNAL BETWEEN BAKU AND KAJI.**

IT ALSO APPEARED IN THE END OF THE OLD MAID ARC.(CH.52 P.13)

キモ冴えてるよね… やっぱ梶ちゃんは
チェンジしましょ
一ゲームの終わりにカードチェンジで中断があったでしょ?
あん時に梶ちゃんのある功績を見つけたんだ
あれはカメラの台数とかさり気なく見るために俺が意図的にカードを折ったんだけど
僕の功績…?
何の事?
YOUR GUTS ARE MATCH-LESS... THAT'S MY KAJI-CHAN.
LET'S CHANGE THE CARDS
DO YOU RE-MEMBER THE CARD CHANGE BREAK AFTER ROUND ONE?
AT THAT TIME, I FOUND ONE OF YOUR ACCOMPLISH-MENTS.
WHEN I TORE THE CARD, I DID IT INTENTIONALLY IN ORDER TO OBSERVE THE NJMBER OF INSTALLED CAMERAS, ETC IN A CASJAL MANNER..
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
MY ACHIEVE-MENT...?
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THE SLAVE IN HIS HEART

WILL BECOME DIAMONDS?

HIS CORPSE

WELL, YEAH, LET'S SAY THAT THIS IS SUCH A THING.

DIAMOND EMAINS, IS IT?

HE WILL BECOME DIAMONDS THROUGH A VERY SPECIFIC METHOD AFTER COLLECTION.

IT WOULDN'T BE EXAGGERATED TO SAY THAT I CAME TO THIS ISLAND FOR THAT EXACT PURPOSE... THEREFORE, I WOULD LIKE YOUR KINDNESS HERE.

YOU SAID THAT YOU HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO, RIGHT ...?

WHO MADE THAT REQUEST TO YOU?

WELL,

VINCENT LALO.

HE IS THE ONE WHO MADE THAT REQUEST TO ME.

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THE SLAVE IN HIS HEART

THAT HE WOULD LOSE... NO, IT MIGHT BE MORE ACCURATE TO SAY THAT IT WAS HIS INSURANCE IN CASE HE WOULD DIE.

SO LALO... HAD A PREMONITION.

IT WAS HIS OWN WISH TO BECOME DIAMONDS AFTER HIS OWN DEATH.

AS SOON AS HE HAD A MEANS OF COMMUNICATION, HE GAVE ORDERS FOR ME TO JOIN THE TEAM ON THE ISLAND.

THAT'S RIGHT.

HE WANTS HIMSELF TO BE MADE INTO...

MEAN-ING...

THAT'S RIGHT. THEN...

WHY DOES HE KEEP INTERRUPTING ME?

I AM A 卍(BAN) INTRUDER CALLED HERE BY LALO.

IT MEANS THAT

THAT'S ALL I WANT.

AS LONG AS I CAN RETRIEVE THE CORPSE AND COMPLETE MY MISSION, I WILL LEAVE PEACEFULLY.

I DO NOT PLAN TO FIGHT YOU.

I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU PRESIDE THE WHOLE MATCH... SO I THOUGHT YOU WOULD ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND AND FORGIVE THE WISH OF THE DECEASED.

BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO RETRIEVE LALO'S CORPSE WITHOUT YOU NOTICING IT.

WHY WOULD YOU ACTUALLY HOW YOUR...

THERE'S NO PROOF AT ALL FOR ALL THESE THINGS YOU'RE BLURTING OUT. FOR ALL WE KNOW IT COULD ALL BE FABRICATED STORIES.

YOU COULD ALSO BE PLANNING TO REVIVE LALO BY SOME UNKNOWN MEANS.

I ALREADY ESCAPED FROM DEATH PRETTY NARROWLY ANYWAY ..

ALSO,

?

I CANNOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.

REVIVING HIM IS IMPOSSIBLE, AND I WOULDN'T WANT TO DO IT ANYWAY.

IF THERE IS ONE THING I COULD DO NOW,

I COULD ONLY PROVE MY WORDS TO YOU BY CUTTING HIS HEAD OFF RIGHT NOW.

WE ALREADY CONFIRMED HIS DEATH BECAUSE HE STOPPED BREATHING

MORE THAN ONE HOUR AGO, HE CANNOT BE REVIVED ANYMORE.

...

NOT INTERES TED.

SAME.

*ANOMA.

YOUR...

MY NAME IS ANOMA.

THAT TOO IS IRONIC AND BIZARRE.

*FIRST MENTIONED IN CH.409 P.15.

I WOULDN'T BE STANDING HERE RIGHT NOW.

IF I HAD BEEN KILLED BY YOU AT THAT TIME,

DECEM-
BER

31ST

YOU'LL DIE!!

LET US HANDLE THE RE-ALLOCATION AND GO TREAT YOUR WOUNDS INSTEAD!!

ILL STAY HERE UNTIL THE NEW KAISER IS BORN...

IT WONT TAKE LONG... UNTIL THE REUNIFI-CATION...

NO.

THE RE-ALLOCATION AND RESTARTING THE GAME.

MY JOB WILL ONLY BE DONE AFTER

WILL LEAVE THE ISLAND... EVERYTHING WILL BE OVER.

ALL OF US DEVELOPERS, AND THE PLAYERS TOO.

AND THEN,

IS GOING TO END.

OUR PROTO-POROS

BAKU-SAN, DO YOU WANT TO DRINK "YAKOU COFFEE"?

THAT SHOULD WORK.

YEAH. IT SHOULD WORK IF I SAY SO...

COFFEE...

I DON'T WANT IT!!

BAKU-SAN,

I'LL GO NOW.

AH, SURE, SURE!

WHAT ABOUT YOU, CHAMP-SAN?

NO, THERE IS AN URGENT MATTER!!

AH, PLAYER RYUUSEI,

NO ONE CAN ENTER NOW. IT'S RE-ALLOCATING RIGHT NOW.

I NEED TO PHONE HOME NOW!!
PHONE HOME?
... AH, WELL, THE ISLAND IS DONE FOR ANYWAY, SO THERE'S NO POINT RAISING A FUSS NOW.
HOLD ON A SECOND.

HUMPH... YOU GUYS,

SHALL I INTRODUCE YOU TO A PLACE THAT ALSO ISN'T BORING?
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AWH MAN~ "THE ISLAND IS DONE FOR", HE SAID...
WE FINALLY FOUND A FUN PLACE AND NOW WE NEED TO START FROM SCRATCH~
WHERE SHOULD WE GO NOW?

THE MAINTEN-ANCE IS OVER.

RE-ALLOCATION COMP

KINGS

TIPA MADARAME BK

AZURA CHAMP

SHOUDO RYUUSEI

A NEW GAME WILL NOW START.

NOW ANNOUNC-ING

THE NEW "KINGS".

EVERY PLAYERS' CLASS HAS ALSO BEEN RESET WITH THE RE-ALLOCATION

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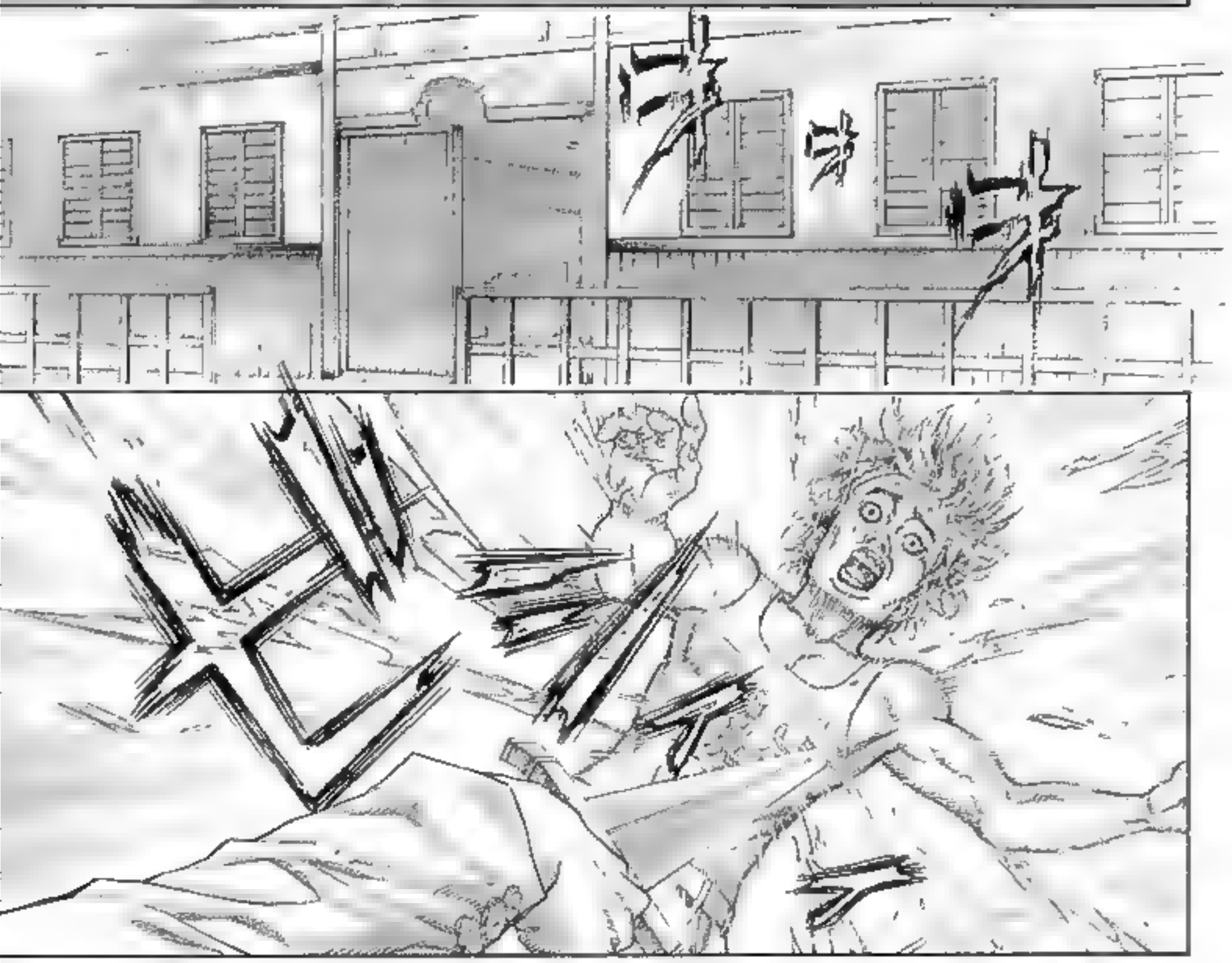
KINGS

■TIPA MADARAME BK

■AZURA CHAMP

■SHOUDO RYUUSEI



GYA!

IT'S THE END, SO I WANNA DO IT PROPERLY.

IT'S ALRIGHT.

ARE YOU ALRIGHT...? YOU DIDN'T NEED TO WEAR THE VEST AT ALL...

KING CHAMP, DEATH

WAY!

THOSE 23 DAYS FELT LIKE A WHOLE LIFETIME.

AND... MANY DIED...

THOSE 23 DAYS,

ENDUR-ING.

ENJOY-ING,

SUFFER-ING,

IT ALL STARTED HERE, ON THAT DAY...

MY PROTO-POROS TOO,

ME, WHO ENDED UP BECOMING ADDICTED TO SUCH A CRAZY WORLD AFTER DROPPING OUT OF THE SOCIETY..

IS NOW... OVER.

MADARAME BK BECAME THE KAISER.

WITH THIS,

KING RYUUSEI AND KING CHAMP BOTH DIED...

I DON'T KNOW, BUT..

I STILL DON'T KNOW IF I WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE PROPER USE OF THIS WHOLE EXPERIENCE.

OR NO MATTER HOW HARD THE PATH IN FRONT OF ME SEEMS TO BE.

HOW UNLUCKY I FEEL,

NO MATTER

I LEARNED AT LEAST ONE THING.

EVEN SLAVES ARE ABLE TO BE FREE AS LONG AS THEY ENJOY THEIR SITUATION.

WE COULD SAY THAT SOMEONE CURSING HIS LIFE NO MATTER HOW BLESSED HE IS IS THE REAL SLAVE.

I WANT TO LIVE LIKE THEY DO, KEEP-ING MY HEAD UP.

THANK YOU, MADARAME.

I WILL NEVER BECOME A SLAVE AGAIN.

THE 2ND BAN MATCH

"USOGUI" BAKU

VINCENT LAU

THE RIGHT TO PLAY "SURPASSING THE LEADER"

CHAPTER 471
THE PUPPETS

EVERYTHING IS MOVING ALONG AS PER LEADER'S EXPECTATIONS.

WE'VE ENSURED THAT THE JCG WON'T ENTER AND SEARCH THE ISLAND UNTIL "SURPASSING THE LEADER" ENDS.

THEY'LL LEAVE THE ISLAND BY THEMSELVES.

WHAT ABOUT THE PLAYERS AND THE DEVELOPERS ON THE ISLAND...? WE HAVE TO SEND THEM BACK TO THE MAINLAND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...

WA- WAIT A SECOND!

THE DEVELOPERS HELPED US A LOT... SO KAKEROU HAS DECIDED TO LEAVE THEM BE.

!!

IN... IN THE FIRST PLACE, THAT WAS BECAUSE OF HACHINA...

BESIDES, YOU, WHO'S CONSIDERED DEAD TO SOCIETY, WILL HAVE NO SAY IN IT.

WE'RE PEOPLE WHO AREN'T RESTRAINED BY THE LAW.

OOFUNA-KUN,

NO WAY! THE TRUTH ABOUT THEM WILL HAVE TO GO PUBLIC ACCORDING TO THE JCG AND THE LAW...

CHAPTER 471

THE PUPPETS (1)

OOFUNA-KUN,

HACHINA...

YOU CAN TELL WHEN YOU SEE SOMEONE THAT LOOKS LIKE HIM OR IS DRESSED LIKE HIM?

SURE!!

CERTAINLY !!

YOU KNOW HACHINA NAOKI, OUR LEADER, RIGHT?

OF COURSE.

YOU CAN RECOGNIZE HIM WHEN YOU RUN INTO HIM ON THE STREET?

SHOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE. TO SOME DEGREE, THIS IS SCARY...

OTHER THAN US, SOMEONE KNOWING THAT MUCH ABOUT OUR LEADER

BECAUSE YOU'RE SUCH A PERSON,

NO... YOU PROBABLY UNDERSTAND LEADER'S TRUE FORM MORE THAN US...

WE HOPE YOU CAN STAY AT HIS SIDE RIGHT NOW.

?

YOU BETTER THINK ABOUT WHAT TO DO NEXT...

IF YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR CURRENT SITUATION,

GOOD-BYE,

MADARAME BR.

WE HAVE TO GO.

WELL...

AH...

WHAT WILL YOU DO AFTER YOU GO BACK?

TO OPEN A PROTOPOROS CARD STORE.

WE HAVE TO SETTLE DOWN FIRST.

I'M NOT SURE BUT,

MAYBE WE'LL USE OUR SAVINGS

PROTO POROS

AFTER ALL.

I'M STILL

POND OF

CREATED BY THE MYSTERIOUS PRODUCER, RICHARD ARATA

PROTO-POROS

GOD...

GOD...

U...

GOD... ARATA...

IS DEAD...

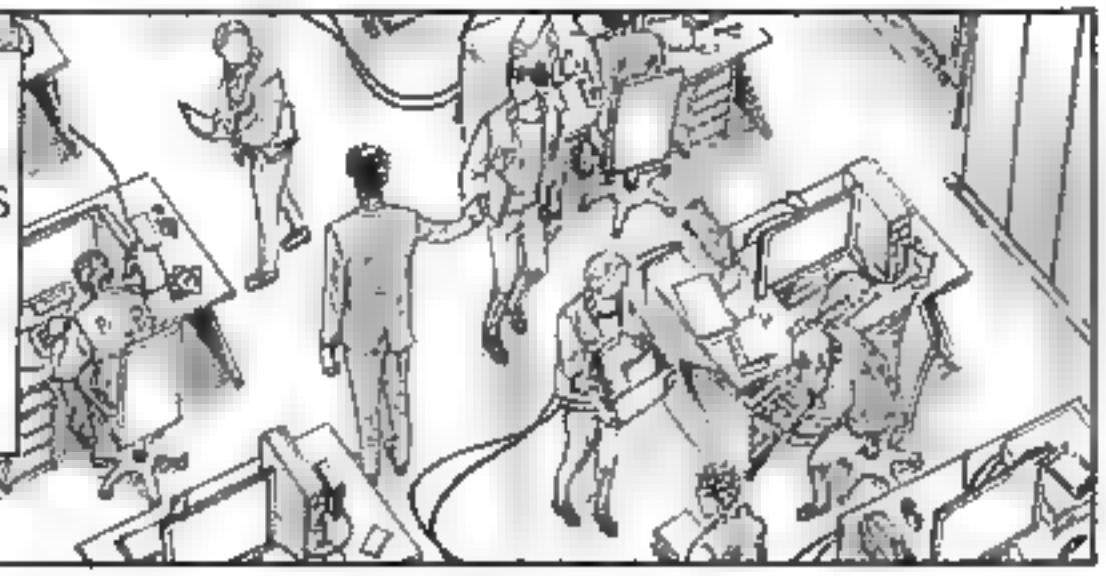
THERE WAS AN EXTREMELY QUIET MAN NAMED RICHARD ARATA.

TO CREATE PROTOPOROS ON AN ISLAND.

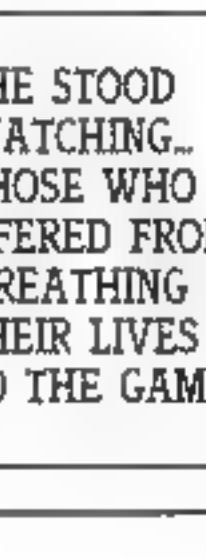
HE USED THOSE WHO ADMIRED HIM AS HIS PUPPETS

HE STOOD WATCHING... THOSE WHO SUFFERED FROM BREATHING THEIR LIVES INTO THE GAME.

A LIFE CALLED PROTOPOROS WAS BREATHED INTO THAT ISLAND.



BUT IN HIS EYES.



HE WAS WATCHING SOMETHING ELSE.

WHILE ADORING

AND HONOR-ING.

THESE PEOPLE THOUGHT THE GAME WAS ABOUT TO COMPLETE.

HE BOUGHT A COUNTRY

THIS ISLAND WAS NOTHING BUT AN EXPERIMENT

IT WAS A BETA TEST.

THE REAL PROTOPOROS COUNTRY.

TO FOUND

THE PLAYERS ON THE ISLAND SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE FOUNDATION STONES AFTER THE "RE ALLOCATION"

IT WAS A RISKY GAMBLE.

WHERE STRONG PEOPLE, WHO HAVE PASSED DIFFICULT TESTS, ARE NEEDED.

BECAUSE THIS RE-ALLOCATION

INCLUDED HIMSELF.

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I KNOW HE'S STILL WATCHING

HE'S WATCH-ING!!

YOU JUST DON'T KNOW ABOUT GOD!!

AT THAT TIME HE SAW...

HIS GOD.

WE'LL NOW BOARD THE SHIP.

EVERYONE, NO NEED TO RUSH.

U...

WE CAN FINALLY GO HOME!

WHICH SHIP DO WE BOARD?

PLEASE FOLLOW THE ORDER!

LET'S GO.

THERE ARE 2 SHIPS TO ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE!

IT'LL DEPART SOON!

HURRY AND GO TO THE NAVIGATION ROOM!!

WE'LL LEAVE YOU IF YOU DON'T HURRY!!

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?

AH...

ARATA...

GOD.

GOD...

GOD?

IS DEAD...

GOD...

GOOOOOOOOOOD!!

CHECK THE SYSTEMS!

GET IT DONE IN 10 MINUTES!

WE'LL LEAVE THE PORT ONCE FUJITSUBO IS BACK!!

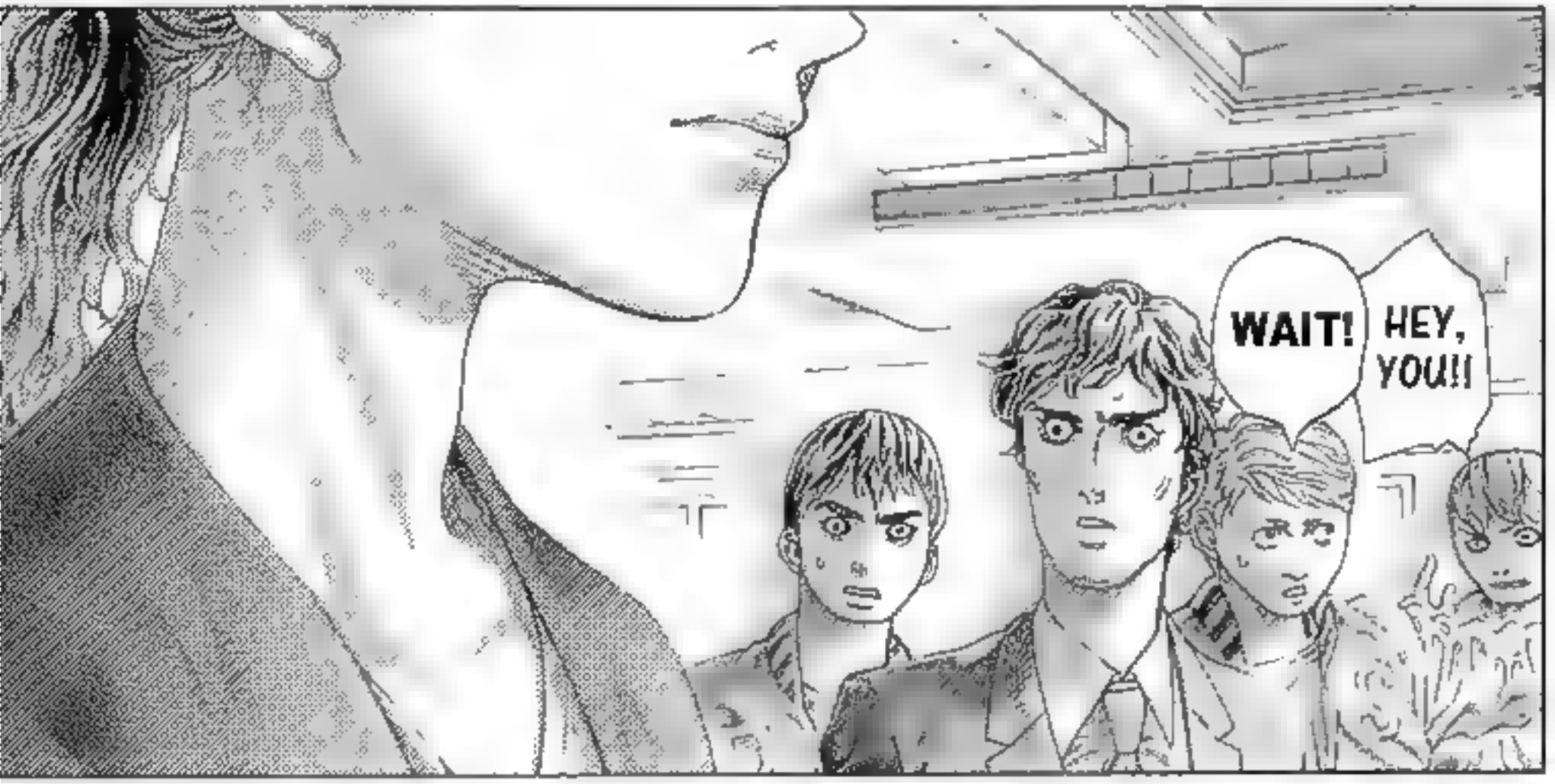
UWAAAAAAAAHH

WAIT... THIS...

...

WHO IS THIS ...?

HE'S NOT ARATA... HE'S NOT GOD!!


WAIT!
HEY, YOU!!

CONGRATU-
LATIONS.

GOD...

G-

YOU PASSED THE TEST.

YOU

I JUST DON'T KNOW ABOUT GOD!!

THE RE-ALLOCATION IS OVER.

I KNOW HE'S STILL WATCHING...

HE'S WATCH-ING!!

ME...

WATCH-ING

ME...

HAVE CHAMP-SAN AND THE OTHERS

SET OFF YET?

WHERE IS

THIS SHIP HEADING TO?

HOW EVER

NO ONE PAID MUCH ATTENTION TO IT.

THE ISLAND IS NOW UNDER THE DOMINATION OF A MYSTERIOUS POWER

A COUP HAPPENED, AND THE CURRENT REGIME IS NOW ON THE RUN

10 DAYS LATER, SOME NEWS FROM A CERTAIN ISLAND COUNTRY REVEALED THAT

I KNOW HE'S STILL WATCHING...

HE'S WATCH-ING!!

YOU JUST DON'T KNOW ABOUT GOD!!

ME...

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"YOURS"

I TOLD YOU.

SHE SAW AN UGLY SHOW

...THEY COULDN'T FORGIVE ANOTHER EXISTENCE LIKE THEM EXISTING.

DIDN'T MATCH UP?

TWO "ECCENTRICS" FEEDING ON EACH OTHER...

...LEAVING ONLY ONE.

THEY ARE THE SAME KIND.

NO,

THAT'S A FAKE ONE.

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I'M COMING IN.

CHAPTER 472
AFTER PAYING THE PRICE

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TO FULFILL THE PROMISE WITH USOGUI...

LEADER, IT'S ABOUT TIME

MOM, DAD, I'M STILL ALIVE...

LEADER,

GLANCE

I'LL COME AGAIN AT 7.

HOWEVER, YOU WERE DESTINED TO LOSE THAT DAY... A DAY THAT'S "NOT FIT TO FIGHT" DOES EXIST.

ALTHOUGH YOU WERE JUST A KID, YOU HAD TALENTS THAT DIDN'T MATCH YOUR AGE.

EVERYONE PAYS A PRICE FOR GAMBLING.

SO LET ME TELL YOU... WHAT HAPPENED THEN.

I LOST.

THAT REVOLVER WITH 6 CARTRIDGES,

AND TRIED IN VAIN TO TURN THE TABLES.

THAT MASKED MAN PROPOSED A BREAK,

I WAS...

BEHIND YOUR INDESCRIBABLE EXPRESSION,

DO YOU REMEMBER?

WHEN THE PISTOL'S HAMMER WAS PULLED BACK THE 5TH TIME...

ENCHANTED BY THOSE EYES OF YOURS.

THE BULLET WAS SHOT.

WHEN LIGHTNING CAUSED A BLACKOUT.

AND THEN,

AND PREPARED MYSELF FOR THE GUN FIGHT.

I SENSED MY SUBORDINATES FALLING AROUND ME IN THE DARKNESS.

AT THAT MOMENT,

HIS BULLETS OF REVENGE

THE MASKED MAN WAS A VETERAN.

WHEN WE WERE RETREATING, THE LIGHTS OF THE SURROUNDING BUILDINGS WERE ALL LIT...

I SEE... THAT MAN WAS THE ONE WHO TOOK CARE OF YOU IN KAKEROU...

AND HE USED THE PAINTBALL HE PREPARED DURING THE BREAK TO SHOOT YOU WHEN THE BLACKOUT HAPPENED.

TOOK MY SUBORDINATES' LIVES ONE BY ONE.

I FINALLY ESCAPED FROM THERE.

I'D SAY THAT WAS INCREDIBLE.

OR RATHER,

IN A GAMBLE, THE ONE WHO'S FOOLED IS THE LOSER.

BUT I HAVE NOTHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT.

THE LOSER NEEDS TO PAY.

NOW,

NOT ONLY DID I LOSE AS AN ALLY OF KAKEROU'S RIVAL ORGANIZATION,

BUT I'M ALSO THE ONE WHO KILLED YOUR GUARDIAN, EBA...

PURGE ME.

YOUR LIFE AS "FUKUROU THE GAMBLER" HAS COME TO AN END.

YOU'RE NO LONGER A KAKEROU MEMBER.

ARE DONE.

YOU

WHO START A NEW LIFE

DUE TO THE PRICE THEY PAY FOR THEIR FAILURE.

KU...

KUKU

IT'S MY TOTAL LOSS.

THERE ARE PEOPLE

FROM NOW ON, YOU HAVE TO LIVE AS A REFEREE.

!!

.....

AND THE CULPRIT BEHIND THE INFORMATION LEAK INCIDENT WHICH SANK TOGETHER WITH THE JALLOUD 1 MONTH AGO,

WE WANT YOU, FLOYD LEE, TO EXPOSE THEM.

THE HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL IN THE "MOD" WHO STOPPED OOFUNA'S CALL FOR HELP,

NOTHING.

THEN, THAT MAN NAMED OOFUNA WILL NO LONGER BE TARGETED AND CAN GO PUBLICLY DECLARE THAT HE'S STILL ALIVE, HUH.

WE'LL JUST LEAVE...

SO... WHAT WILL YOU DO IF I REFUSE?

WE'LL RETREAT IMMEDIATELY.

STAND BY!

STANDBY UNTIL YOU GET THE ORDER!

DON'T DO ANYTHING TO FLOYD LEE YET!!

I'VE GOT A CONDITION.

HUH, YOU DON'T LIKE BEING THREATENED?

THIS IS CALLED THREATEN-ING.

DUMPING ME IN PUBLIC AFTER SENDING ME BACK FROM THE ISLAND~ YOU DID IT ON PURPOSE, RIGHT?

IT'S A MAN

NAMED KAJI TAKAOMI.

IT'LL BE TOUGH TO DO IT ALONE... I NEED ASSISTANCE,

ALAS,

I'LL EXPOSE YOU FROM HEAD TO TOE ANOTHER TIME, BUT RIGHT NOW I NEED ANOTHER PERSON TO BE MY ASSISTANT.

SURE.

I'M KINDA EXPENSIVE.

WHO CHANGE THEIR MENTALITY AFTER PAYING THE PRICE.

THERE ARE PEOPLE

BECAUSE THE AMOUNT IS BIG, WE NEED SOME TIME TO EXCHANGE IT.

*KAKEROU

曜郎

SORRY, BOY.

BEFORE THE MONEY IS PREPARED, MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME~

CHIEF OF KURAMA-GUMI, KURAMA RANKO

WHAT?

!

I DON'T NEED MONEY.

WHO ARE YOU...?

CALL ME ROBERT K.

I SEE.

HERE'S 20 MILLION IN CHIPS I GOT FROM YOUR RIVAL CASINO.

THESE ARE JUST SOME GIFTS FOR YOU, PLEASE DO ME A FAVOR.

...

THERE MIGHT'VE BEEN SOMEONE LIKE THAT...

THERE SHOULD BE A MAN NAMED SUTEGUMA SATORU HERE.

CHIEF, KURAMA RANKO...

!!

HE'S MY BROTHER... PLEASE LET ME SEE HIM.

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CAN FINALLY FACE THEIR PAST AFTER PAYING THE PRICE.

AND THE WIN-NERS

ARE ALWAYS

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE.

MY THANKS TO YOU, MADARAME BAKU.

BY BEING YOUR ALLY.

PERFECT...

ACHIEVE PERFECTION

THE ONE WHO CAN DEFEAT YOU.

I'VE BECOME

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

PERFECT?

YOU MADE A MISTAKE.

YOU'RE NOT PERFECT.

YOU MADE A MISTAKE IN HELPING ME WIN.

AND ACCEPTING THE GAMBLE.

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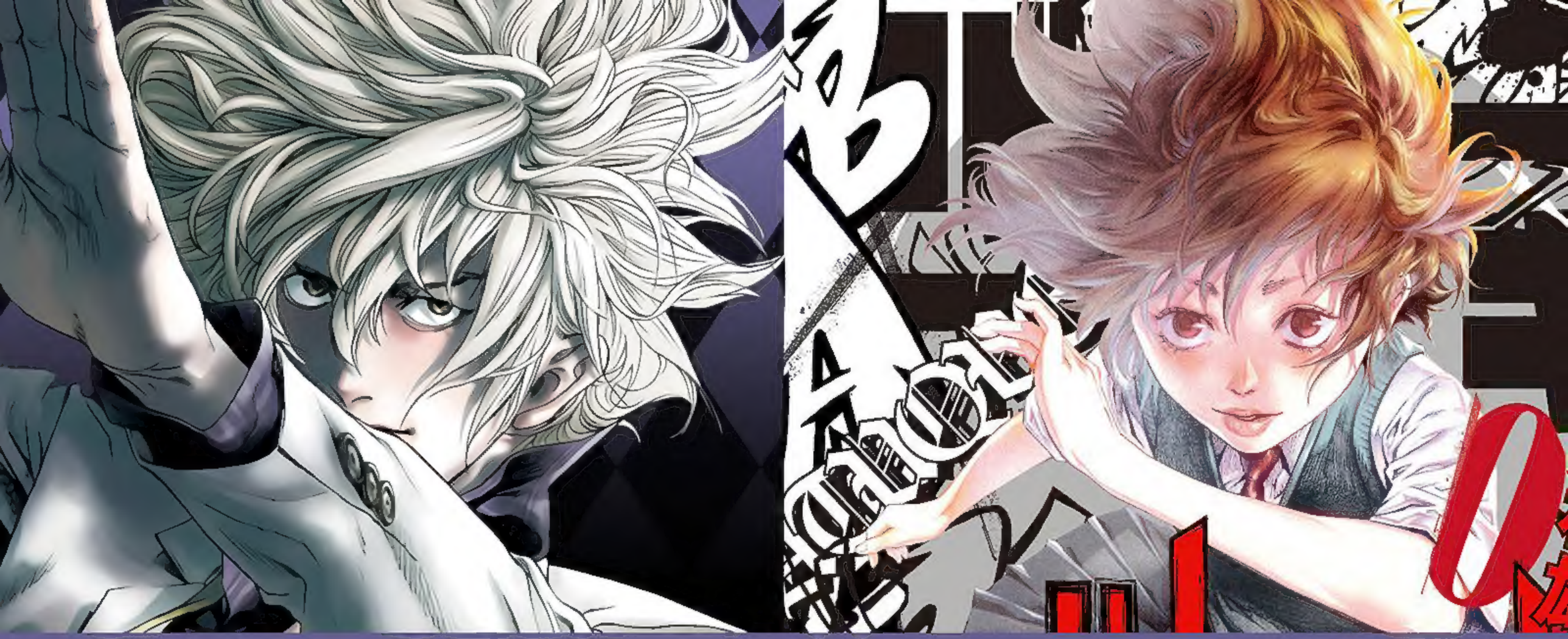

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THANK YOU! THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY

WE HAVE 2 PAGES OF CELEBRATION ILLUSTRATIONS FROM 2 BIG SHOT AUTHORS FROM THE NEXT PAGE ON!!

CONGRATS!
10TH ANNIVERSARY

祝！10周年

CELEBRATION ILLUSTRATIONS!

SUPER EDITION!

AFTER SHINING ON "YOUNG JUMP" FOR 10 YEARS, "USOGUI" HAS A 10TH ANNIVER-SARY CELE-BRATION ILLUS-TRATION SENT FROM AN ACQUAIN-TANCE OF SAKO TOSHIO-SENSEI!

PUBLISHED IN THE SAME YEAR AS "USOGUI"!

A MESSAGE FROM THE AUTHOR OF "KINGDOM", HARA YASUHISA-SENSEI.

SAKO-SENSEI, CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF "USOGUI"!!
IT'S THE 10TH YEAR FOR MY SERIES TOO THOUGH.
"USOGUI" AND "KINGDOM" STARTED AT ALMOST THE SAME TIME, AND THEY BOTH ARE OUR FIRST SERIES STARTED AT THE AGE OF 30.
WE HAVE BEEN CALLING EACH OTHER EVERY WEEK SINCE WE MET AT THE NEW YEARS PARTY, TALKING ABOUT HOW TO KEEP FIGHTING AND SURVIVING AT "YOUNG JUMP", SOME HOT-BLOODED TOPICS LIKE THAT.
WHEN I ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES ON WORK, SAKO-SENSEI REALLY HELPED ME A LOT.
10 YEARS HAS PASSED WITHOUT US KNOWING IT. LOOKING BACK, MUCH HAS HAPPENED DURING THAT TIME. BUT WE DON'T REALLY HAVE TIME TO IMMERSE OURSELVES IN THE PAST SINCE WE'RE STILL BUSY SERIALIZING OUR BOOKS.
AS "RIVALS" AND "COMRADES", LET'S BOTH WATCH OUR HEALTH AND FIGHT FOR OUR PUBLICATIONS.

A LEGEND IN THE MANGA INDUSTRY
A MESSAGE FROM THE AUTHOR OF "JOJOLION", ARAKI HIROHIKO.

ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF "USOGUI", SAKO-SENSEI'S BODY FAT PERCENTAGE ALSO REACHED 10%. IT'S INDEED A NUMBER WORTH CELEBRATING.
I WISH FOR THE PROSPERITY OF USOGUI IN THE FUTURE.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF "USOGUI".

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